

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Amend the paragraph beginning at line 22 of page 21 as follows:

As shown in Figure 3, guide strip 98 serves principally to guide web 16 and articles 14 against plate 100. In contrast, guide strip 198 is spaced a significant distance away from plate 100, and principally serves to support detector 106. However, guide strip 198 also serves to grossly retain ~~web 14~~ web 16 into position along plate 100 in the event that web 16 becomes suddenly significantly misaligned. Accordingly, under normal operating conditions, guide strip 98 serves as the only principal guide for retaining web 16 in close proximity against web guide plate 100. Accordingly, frictional forces therebetween are significantly reduced. Furthermore, emitter 104 and detector 106 further serve to detect the location and positioning of ~~articles 16~~ articles 14 as they are delivered via drive wheel 72 (and associated servo motor). All such control is choreographed utilizing controller 18 as well as a feedback signal from detector 106.